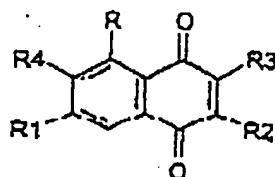


CLAIMS

1. The use of a naphthoquinone derivative having the Formula 1:

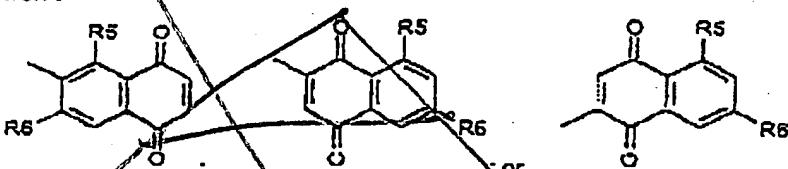


wherein,

R represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether;

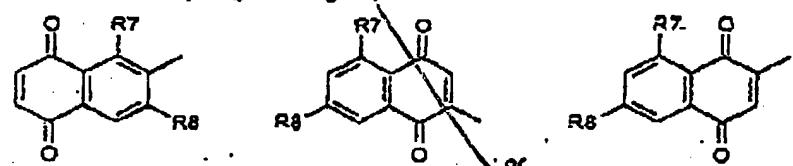
R1 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

R2 and R3 each independently represent hydrogen or a group selected from:



wherein R5 represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether and R6 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

R4 represents hydrogen or a group selected from:



wherein R7 represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether and R8 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

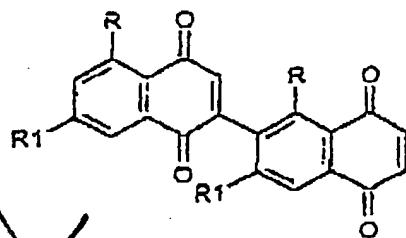
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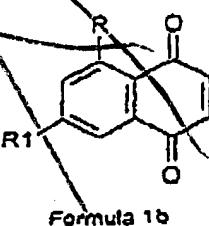
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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in a method of treating and/or controlling tuberculosis in a patient caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

2. The use according to claim 1 wherein the naphthoquinone derivative of Formula 1 is a compound of Formula 1a or Formula 1b;



Formula 1a



Formula 1b

wherein R and R1 are as defined for Formula 1 in claim 1.

3. The use according to claim 2 wherein R is an OH group.

4. The use according to claim 2 or claim 3 wherein R1 is a CH₃ group.

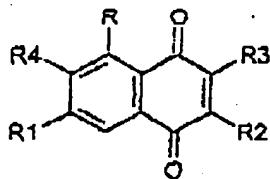
5. The use according to claim 1 wherein the naphthoquinone derivative of Formula 1 is 5,5'-dihydroxy 7,7'-binaphthoquinone (diispyrin) or 5-hydroxy-7-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (methyljuglone), or a mixture thereof.

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6. A method of treating and/or controlling tuberculosis caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a naphthoquinone derivative having the Formula 1:

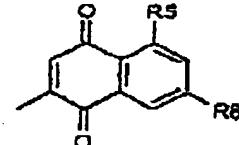
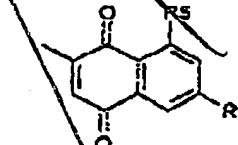
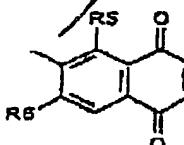


wherein,

R represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether;

R1 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

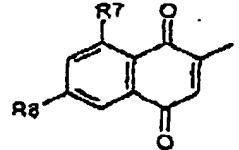
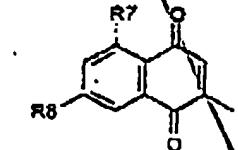
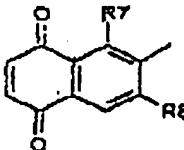
R2 and R3 each independently represent hydrogen or a group selected from:



; or

wherein R5 represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether and R6 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

R4 represents hydrogen or a group selected from:



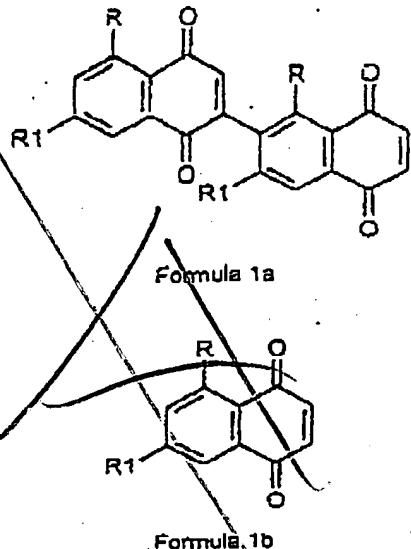
; or

wherein R7 represents an OH group, methyl ether, ethyl ether or a similar ether and R8 represents a methyl, ethyl or similar aliphatic hydrocarbon derivative;

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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the naphthoquinone derivative of Formula 1 is a compound of Formula 1a or Formula 1b:



wherein R and R1 are as defined for Formula 1 in claim 11.

8. A method according to claim 7 wherein R is an OH group.

9. A method according to claim 7 or claim 8 wherein R1 is a CH₃ group.

10. A method according to claim 6 wherein the naphthoquinone derivative of Formula 1 is 5,5' dihydroxy 7,7'-binaphthoquinone (diospyrin) or 5-hydroxy-7-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (methyljuglone), or a mixture thereof.

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11. A method according to claim 6 wherein the naphthoquinone derivative of Formula 1 is administered orally, intravenously, intramuscularly or transdermally.

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